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BEGIN SUMMARY: TURK MFA BELIEVES THERE IS NO FORESEEABLE END TO AFRO-ARAB MILITANCY IN FUTURE UNGAS AND CONSEQUENT ADVERSARY ENCOUNTERS WITH USG ON BOTH AFRICAN AND NON-AFRICAN ISSUES UNLESS USG IN MEANTIME ALTERS ITS POSITION RE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH CHIEF (SOYLEMEZ) AS WELL AS MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, DRAWING ON REFTELS TOSOLICIT GOT VIEWS ON FUTURE EFFECTIVENESS OF UNGA. THEY GENERALLY AGREED WITH OUR ASSESSMENT THAT 28TH UNGA PRODUCED BETTER OUTCOME THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. SOYLEMEZ GAVE USUN HIGH MARKS FOR EFFECTIVE AND PERSUASIVE LOBBYING ON MANY
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KEY ISSUES, WHICH HE THOUGH WAS ALL THE MORE IMPRESSIVE

CONSIDERING THE HANDICAP THE USG HAD TO LABOR UNDER BECAUSE OF ITS POSITION ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.

2. ALL MFA OFFICIALS WE TALKED TO BELIEVED THAT THE USG WOULD HAVE TO ALTER ITS PRESENT POSITION ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTIONS IF IT HOPED TO CONTAIN UNREASONABLE AFRO-ASIAN HOSTILITY OVER UNRELATED ISSUES IN WHICH THE USG WAS INTERESTED. ALL WERE UNITED IN BELIEF THAT USG WILL FACE A TOUGH TIME WITH AN ALGERIAN PRESIDENT IN THE CHAIR NEXT YEAR, WHO WILL WANT TO KEEP HIS GOOD CREDENTIALS WITH THE AFRICAN BLOC.

3. TURKS HAVE INDICATED THAT, PARTLY OUT OF SELF-DEFENSE AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF HAVING WON A WAR OF INDEPENDENCE 50 YEARS AGO, THE TURKISH UN DELEGATION CHARACTERISTICALLY WILL BE TOLERANT, IF NOT SYMPATHETIC, TO THE AFRICANS. ASQ OYLEMEZ SAID, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT FUTURE TURK SPOKESMEN, AS IN THE PAST, WILL BE SURE TO INCLUDE AN ANTI-COLONIALIST THEME IN MAJOR ADDRESSES IN NEW YORK. NEVERTHELESS, SOYLEMEZ CONFESSED TO TURKEY'S HAVING EXPERIENCED AWKWARDNESS WITH HER NATO ALLY, PORTUGAL. IN PRACTICE, THEREFORE, CONCERNING ANTI-COLONIALIST ISSUES, TURKEY WILL TRY TO EMULATE LINE IT TOOK THIS YEAR ON GUINEA-BISSAU, VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY ON THE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER TO DEBATE, FOR EXAMPLE, AND ABSTAINING ON THE RESOLUTIONS.

4. TURKS WERE DISAPPOINTED IN THE FAILURE TO ACHIEVE GREATER PROGRESS ON HIJACKING AND TERRORISM.

5. SOYLEMEZ VOICED GENUINE ENTHUSIASM FOR UN, WITH ALL ITS FAULTS. HE INDICATED TURKEY WOULD CONTINUE TO PUT A GREAT DEAL OF ITS MINISTRY RESOURCES INTO UN AFFAIRS. ALL TURK OFFICIALS SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN HAVING THE USG'S GOOD OPINION RE THEIR HANDLING OF UN ISSUES, AND THUS INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE AS COOPERATIVE WITH USG POSITIONS AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN TURK CONSTRAINTS OVER AFRICAN ISSUES.

6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY WE CAN INFLUENCE GOT THINKING ON UN MATTERS, AND THUS ENCOURAGE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE US, IS TO CONTINUE TO REVIEW WITH FONMINISTRY IN JULY
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OR AUGUST, BEFORE IT HAS FULLY FORMULATED ITS POSITIONS, THE KEY QUESTIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING UNGA AS WE SEE THEM. LAST YEAR'S CIRCULAR AND OTHER GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT WAS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL, INCLUDING AS IT DID PAPERS ON EARLIER US-UK CONSULTATIONS. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD, AS BEFORE, RECEIVE APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS END. SUCH EFFORTS OCCASIONALLY REQUIRE MORE FREQUENT FOLLOW-ON HERE ONCE THE UNGA HAS BEGUN (E.G., ON KOREA), FOR

ISSUES ON WHICH TURKEY'S VOTE IS IMPORTANT IT WOULD BE
USEFUL IT WE COULD RECEIVE MORE DETAILED REPORTING OF UNGA
DEVELOPMENTS THAN HAS HERETOFORE BEEN THE CASE. PERHAPS
THE REPEATING TO THIS EMBASSY OF SELECTED UN WEEKLY SUM-
MARIES TO THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.
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